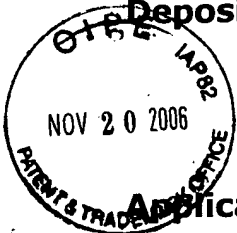


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated May 23, 2006, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.